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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kazunari TAIRA et al.

Application No.: 09/974,974

Filed: October 12, 2001

For: NUCLEIC ACID ENZYMES
ACQUIRING AN ACTIVITY FOR
CLEAVING A TARGET RNA BY
RECOGNIZING ANOTHER
MOLECULE

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) Group Art Unit: 1635

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) Examiner: Jane J. Zara

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) Confirmation No. 2692

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

PETITION FOR TWO (2) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to reply to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2004. A fee of \$430.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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